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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM : Maurice C. Ernst  
Director of Economic Research

SUBJECT : OER's Free World Industrial Research

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1. Action Requested: Permit Bob Gates and I to organize a session with an outside panel to discuss the future direction of OER's analysis of Free World industrial issues.

2. Background: When we talked on 11 May concerning OER's work on Free World industry and trade, you suggested that we organize a session with some industrial and financial leaders to discuss OER's work in this area.

3. As I mentioned to you during that session I have planned to do more thorough work on Free World industrial trends; the financial support is included in the FY 1983 budget. John McMahon and I have agreed that FY 1983 is too leisurely. We plan to put this research apparatus in place immediately.

4. The session with outside advisors would be an excellent way to make sure that our thinking about the research effort has the full advice of leaders in the field. I suggest that we assemble this group and let them react to our proposals about what we plan to do in the next 18 months or so. They can give us the benefit of their views about our proposals and about areas we may be missing. In addition, they could give us their ideas about how OER can position itself to fully exploit relevant seams of knowledge within the private sector.

5. You asked for suggestions of people to serve on this group.

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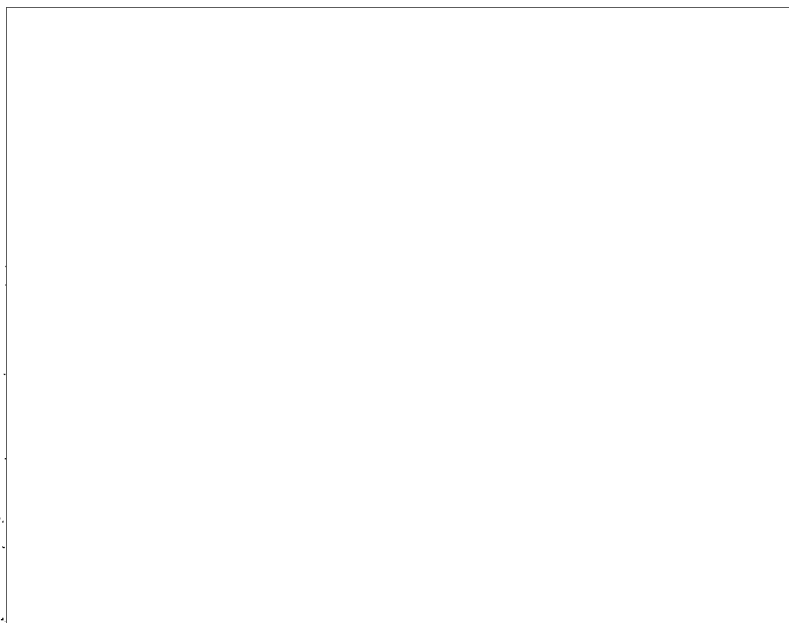
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6. I am sure you have a good sense of the relative contributions these and other individuals could make to this effort. It would be useful if we could have senior operating officials from organizations  If you approve, I would like to work with Bob Gates to organize this session; I think it is an important move for this Agency.

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Maurice C. Ernst

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Director of Central Intelligence

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